

**REMARKS**

Claims 9-12 have been amended and new claims 14 and 15 has been added.

Claims 1-15 are now pending and under consideration. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment. Reconsideration of claims 1-15 is respectfully requested.

**I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 9-12 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101:**

Claims 9-12 have been amended to overcome the rejection. Therefore, withdrawal of the § 101 rejection of claims 9-12 is respectfully requested.

**II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-8 AND 13 UNDER 35 USC 102(b) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY OOISHI (US PATENT NO. 5,890,184; HEREINAFTER OOISHI '184):**

The Applicant respectfully submits that this reference does not qualify as prior art under 102(b). Ooishi '184 is a patent by the same inventor. The priority date of the present invention is August 25, 1998 and the original Japanese patent application (H08-121218) of Ooishi '184 was published in Japan on November 16, 1997 (less than one year prior to the priority date of the present invention). Ooishi '184 also does not qualify as prior art under 102(a) because no printed publication authored by the Applicant, patent that he has obtained, public knowledge that he has been responsible for generating or use of others that he has induced can be effective against him under 102(a). See *In re Land & Rogers*, 368 F.2d 866, 151 USPQ 621 (CCPA 1966); *In re Mathews*, 408 F.2d 1393, 161 USPQ 276 (CCPA 1969); *In re Facius*, 408 F.2d 1396, 161 USPQ 294 (CCPA 1969). A certified/verified translation of the priority document, Japanese Patent Application No. 10-238128 filed on August 25, 1998 will be submitted. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

**III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 9-12 UNDER 35 USC 102(b) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY KAWABATA ET AL. (US PATENT NO. 5,600,770; HEREINAFTER KAWABATA):**

The present invention as recited in claim 9, for example, relates to a computer system which dynamically creates a document from data retrieved from a processing system that uses special characters and reforms the created document for exchange over a network. The computer system comprises a special character image dictionary, a special character database file which contains data to manage the special character image files in the special character

image dictionary and special character identification means for identifying a special character used in the created document. The computer system as related in claim 9, for example, further includes a link generation means for producing a link to one of the special character image files that is relevant to the identified special character, and a compilation means for compiling an output document by replacing the special character identified in the source document with the links to the relevant special character image file.

Kawabata discloses in FIGs. 1-3, a document processing system in which a font server is connected to a plurality of workstations and a printer via a communication circuit. Each of the workstations and the printer contain a font cache to store letter data temporarily. When it is necessary to display letter data on a display of a workstation, it is determined whether the letter data to be displayed is present in the font cache of that workstation, if it is not present, then a signal is sent from the workstation to the font server through the communication circuit and the font server then transmits the requested letter data to the work station. When the printer has been requested to print a document, it first checks whether the letter data corresponding to the characters in the document are present in its font cache, if the letter data is not present, the printer signals via the communication circuit to the font server, and the font server transmits the requested letter data and the printer outputs the characters using the received letter data and stores the letter data in its font cache (see column 4, lines 7-51).

In addition, the font server in Kawabata does not modify a document, but instead supplies letter data requested by either a workstation or the printer as needed.

Kawabata fails to disclose “a link generation means for producing a link to one of the special character image files that is relevant to the identified special character” and “compilation means for compiling an output document by replacing the special characters identified in the source document with the links to the relevant special character file” as recited in claim 9.

Accordingly, claim 9 patentably distinguishes over Kawabata. Claims 10-12 also patentably distinguish over Kawabata at least due to their dependency upon claim 9. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9-12 under § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

**IV. NEW CLAIMS 14 AND 15**

Claim 14 is drawn to a computer-readable medium storing a program which dynamically creates a document from data retrieved from a processing system that uses special characters and reforms the created document for exchange over a network. Claim 15 is drawn to a method for processing special characters in dynamic documents, including "producing a link to the file corresponding to the identified special character" and "compiling an output document by replacing the identified special character in the source document with the link". Claims 14 and 15 include similar limitations as those of claims 1 and 9.

**V. CONCLUSION:**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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